

REMARKS

Responsive to the final Office action, applicant has canceled without prejudice claims 1-7, 9-18, and 20-22, because applicant plans to continue prosecuting the patentability of those claims in a future continuation application. All pending prior-art rejections have been rendered moot by the above-identified amendments except the Examiner's § 103(a) rejection of claims 8 and 19 based upon U.K. 1,597,837 and U.K. 2,050,815, in combination with U.S. Patent No. 5,429,678 to Fany. U.K. 2,050,815 and Fany only show or suggest hand-held wiping devices. U.K. 1,597,837 shows a wiper device attachable to a motorcyclist's glove. Applicant disagrees that it is proper to combine the teachings of two prior-art references that focus solely on hand-held wiping devices with a prior-art reference that shows a wiper device attachable to a motorcyclist's glove. There is no suggestion in either U.K. 2,050,815 or Fany to incorporate the hand-held wiping devices in the design of a glove.

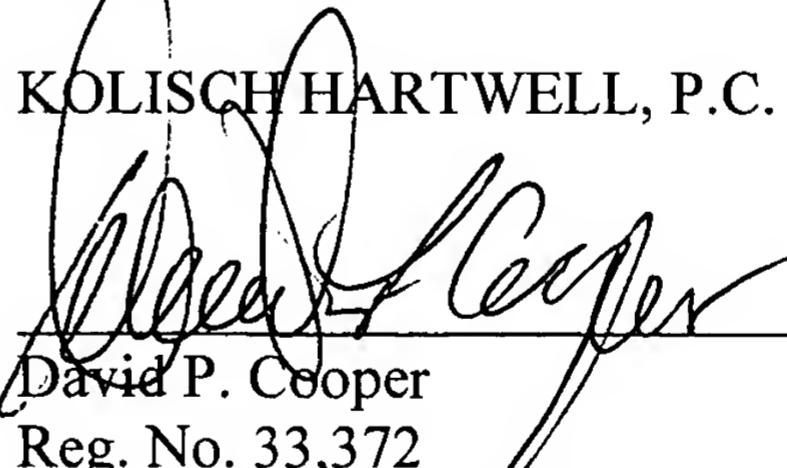
Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the two remaining pending claims.

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